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APPARATUS FOR
ELECTRIC DISCHARGE
MICROMACHINING

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NEAL

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application
as follows:

DRAWINGS:

Subject to approval by the Examiner in charge of the above-
identified application, please add the legend "PRIOR ART" to Figure 8 as
indicated in red on the marked-up copy of Figure 8 attached herewith.

CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-26.

Please add the following new claims 27-52:

- 1
 - 2 comprising:
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27. (Newly Added) An electro discharge machining apparatus,
- a first holder for holding a workpiece;
- a tool electrode arranged opposite to the workpiece;